Proposal to make reforms in recruitment and training of all India Services

504. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are examining various proposals to introduce changes in the method of recruitment to the All India and Group 'A' services and in the method of their training; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHINDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The scheme of the Civil Services Examination consisting of Preliminary Examination and the Main Examination (Written and interview) for rectruitment to the Indian Administrative Servics, Indian Foreign Service, Indian Police Service and various non-technical Central Services|Posts Group 'A' and Group 'B' was introduced in the year 1979. This was based on the recommendations of the Committee on Recruitment Policy and Selection Methods under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. S. Kothari set up by the Union Public Service Commission and recommendations of the Commission thereon as accepted by the Government. This Committee had recommended periodic review of the standards of recruitment. Also the Estimates Committee (1983-84) of the 7th Lok Sabha in their 77th report recommended that as by then five examinations had been held under the revised pattern, the new system of the Civil Services Examination should be reviewed. The Government is examining various proposals to introduce changes in the method of recruitment to the All India and Group 'A' Services and in the induction-training of the selected officers. Since no final decisions have been taken, it would not be possible to give any details.

Recommendations of Expert Committee regarding Delhi Fire Service

505. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the recommendations of the expert committee set up ten years ago to look into the affairs of the Delhi Fire Service; and

(b) how many of its recommendations have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) An Expert Committee constituted in recommended an increase in number of fire stations, purchase of additional fire fighting and communication appliances and equipments etc. in a phased manner as well as levy of a fire tax on the rateable value of property.

(b) Some fire stations have been set up and equipments purchased. A fire tax has been levied on the rateable value of property.

Attracting right type of persons to armed forces

506. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not getting right type of people for armed forces, specially for entrance to National Defence Academy and various technical cadres; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to attract the cream of youth to armed forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that right type of persons are not coming to join the armed forces. The courses at the National Defence Aca-

demy and the Indian Military Academy are fully subscribed. There is also no dearth of candidates aspiring to join the various technical cadres in the armed forces. However, there is some deficiency in the intake of various technical cadres due to these aspirants not coming up to the prescribed standards. The terms and conditions of service are being reviewed constantly to make improvements therein. Wide publicity through the Press, audio-visual media and information brochures is given for projecting the true image of service in the armed forces and for attracting suitable eligible youths to join the armed forces.

Cancellation of fly-past on the Republic Day

507. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Defence had announced that there would be a fly-past on the 26th January, 1986;

(b) whether the announced fly-past did not take place on that day;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for the cancellation; and

(d) whether one of the reasons therefor was the failure of radar system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Appointment of retired officers as consultants by the Planning Commission

508. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission have been appointing retired officers both from public and private sectors as well as Government departmental heads as consultants or specialists;

(b) if so, when this practice has started;

(c) whether these consultants or specialists are paid any remuneration and are governed by Government servants conduct rules;

(d) if so, what are the salaries or allowances paid to these consultants or specialists; and

(e) the names of the consultants and specialists appointed during the Sixth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The Planning Commission have not appointed any retired officer from the public or private sector as Consultant or Specialist. However, a few retired Government officers have been appointed as non-official Consultants for undertaking specific studies which are of current interest to the Planning Commission.

(b) Since 1976, the appointments as mentioned in answer to (a) started.

(c) and (d) These non-official Consultants are paid a monthly consolidated fee not exceeding Rs. 2,500/- in the case of whole-time Consultants and Rs. 2,000/- to part-time Consultants. They are not governed by the Government servants' Conduct Rules.

(e) A list is attached. (See below)

Statement

Names of the retired Government servants appointed as Consultants in the Planning Commission during the Sixth Five Year Plan period i.e. during 1-4-80 *to* 31-3-1985.

1. Shri S. K. Banerjee
2. Shri D. D. Joshi
3. Shri K. S. V. Sanjeeva Rao
4. Shri S. S. B. Raghavan
5. Shri K. Narasimha Iyer
6. Shri O. K. Passey
7. Shri M. L. Khullar
8. Shri K. S. S. Murthy